

Downing House  
East side of Bell Tavern Road,  
.3 mile north of U.S. Route  
30 (Lincoln Highway), approximately  
1 mile northeast of Downingtown  
Downingtwn Vicinity (East Caln Township)  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Chester	TOWN OR VICINITY Downingtown Vicinity (East Caln Township)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Downing House		HABS NO. PA-171
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) E side of Bell Tavern Rd., .3 mi. N of U.S. Rte. 30 (Lincoln Hwy.), approx. 1 mi. NE of Downingtown		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) East two bays built circa 1740; west four bays added before 1772		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Fine example of a mid-eighteenth century stone house.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Coursed rubble (south front elevation) and random rubble		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) East section approx. 22' (two-bay front) x 32' and west section approx. 42' (four-bay front) x 32'; two-and-a-half stories; one-and-a-half-story stone lean-to kitchen on rear of east two bays		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Fine stonework, gambrel roof, two recessed doors with paneled reveals and transoms on south elevation		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Fine stone kitchen fireplace and bakeovens		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
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